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FOR AMBASSADOR BYROADE FROM AMBASSADOR VANCE

1. PROPOSAL ADVANCED IN REFTEL A WILL REQUIRE SERIOUS
STUDY AND FULL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION. THIS
MAY TAKE SOME TIME BECAUSE OF SUBSTANTIAL SHIFT YOU
RECOMMEND IN USG APPROACH TO PRODUCTION CONTROLS. IN
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MEANTIME, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS

FIELD PROMPT ME TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR THINKING HERE ON OVERALL POSTURE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN IN DEALING WITH NARCOTICS CONTROL IN PAKISTAN.

2. WE WANT TO REITERATE USG INTEREST IN FUNDAMENTAL GOALS OF CONTROLLING OPIUM PRODUCTION AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN PAKISTAN. THESE OBJECTIVES REMAIN UNCHANGED DESPITE RECENT TURKISH DECISION, WHICH, IF ANYTHING, HAS STRENGTHENED OUR RESOLVE. IN ADDITION, WE NOW HAVE STRONG INDICATION OF MOUNTING CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN IN PASSAGE OF MONDALE AMENDMENT BY 81-8 VOTE (COPY BEING POUCHED).

3. AS FAR AS POTENTIAL SUPPLY SHORTAGE FROM LICIT

PRODUCTION CONCERNED, U.S. INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO MEET ITS DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS THROUGH IMPORTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT INCB'S OPPOSITION TO PAKISTAN BECOMING PRODUCER OF LICIT OPIUM FOR EXPORT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE GOP WOULD BE ABLE TO PREVENT DIVERSIONS. WE ALSO CONSIDER THAT GOP INHIBITED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FROM SIGNIFICANT EXPORT. COPIES OF RECENT LEGAL OPINION FROM L/T THIS SUBJECT WILL BE POUCHED TO ISLAMABAD AND GENEVA AND SHOULD PROVIDE USEFUL BACKGROUND IF SUBJECT AGAIN ARISES. WE OUGHT TO ALLOW INCB, HOWEVER, TO TAKE LEAD IN DETERRING GOP ON THIS.

4. SINCE OVERRIDING USG CONCERN CONTINUES TO BE PREVENTION OF PAK-ORIGIN ILLEGAL OPIUM REACHING U.S. MARKET, WE SHOULD FOCUS OUR EFFORTS IN ENFORCEMENT ON MAKING FIUS FULLY OPERATIONAL AND EFFECTIVE. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT GOP BUDGETARY AND PERSONNEL COMMITMENTS ARE MET.

5. FINALLY, WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION YOUR STAFF HAS GIVEN TO SEVERAL OPTIONS WE MIGHT PROMOTE TO REGENERATE PROGRAM. WE WILL ADDRESS SUGGESTIONS PRESENTED REF B IN SEPTELS. WISH ALSO TO ASSURE YOU OF MY PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR PROPOSALS SUCH AS THAT RAISED IN REF A IF MORE DETAILED EXPLORATION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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